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Dear Joshua,

The problem of deciding what to do about the Plumb-Eagle letter faced me at a time when I was really overwhelmed by the problems of learning & teaching pharmacology, so it travelled back & forth in my brief case daily, always pushed to the bottom by weightier matters. After a while it became apparent that it had become too late to write the Times anyway; and now I find that I've lost the whole correspondence, & so cannot send you the copy of Eagle's letter that you requested. Sorry - but the enterprise of writing in collaboration with you was most instructive even tho the result wasn't published.

It's been a tough grind since we started teaching only 3 weeks after moving into the new bldg.; & I should have spent last summer studying pharmacology instead of writing a review. However, I've learned that I really like teaching, & I expect future years will be a lot easier.

I've spoken with Luca by phone but not yet seen him; he seems to have had a wonderful trip.

Sy Levintal was here twice in the past two weeks - once ~~with~~ coming from Paris with an X-ray diagnosis of military TB, & once returning to Paris with a corrected

diagnosis of sarcoid, a considerably less threatening disease. This has tied in most peculiarly with the fact that the US Committee in Paris has refused a visa to a biochemist (Corini) for whom we had a fellowship - & all because the scare of his 20-yr old TB looked to the roentgenologists as tho they were active. Since Corini's been in vigorous health, this decision has caused a good deal of resentment; I hope he will have a rehearing, because it just doesn't make sense to exclude temporary ~~residents~~ <sup>immigrants</sup> just as strictly as permanent ones on the fallible grounds of a chest plate.

Teaching for this academic year is over. We'll be continuing with biosynthetic paths, but I'm starting to fuse pharmacology & genetics by using bacterial mutants to study permeability problems.

Best wishes for 55 to you & Esther.

Gene

PS: The loyalty-security situation looks a lot better now - at least the HHS is giving it a lot of publicity, the DHS has reversed their recent cancellation of two Caltech grants (Boorook & one other), and - probably of the greatest practical value - the Democrats have started to make an issue of the Republican record in this area.